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In re Appln. of: James B. Hunt

Appln. No.: 10/815,105

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Art Unit: 3738

For: STENT-GRAFT WITH GRAFT TO GRAFT
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Attorney Docket No: 8627-431 (PA-5498-RFB)

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

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6,139,573 A	10/31/00	Sogard et al.
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FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

Foreign Patent	Date Published	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
WO 00/18328 A	04/06/00	PCT
WO 00/45742 A	08/10/00	PCT
WO 04/022150 A1	03/18/04	PCT

Other Art – Non-Patent Literature Documents

Copy of International Search Report from corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/US2005/009757, dated 9/8/2005, 6 pages.

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Each of the listed references is in English except for PCT reference WO 2004/022150A1. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i) a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited non-English reference appears in the English abstract. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant certifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement (a copy of any foreign communication first citing a listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference). Accordingly, Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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	B7	WO 2004/022150 A1	03/18/04	PCT		No

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS (Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)	
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